

Where does Cyber-bullying occur?

- ◆ Facebook?
- ◆ MySpace?
- ◆ Texting?
- ◆ Email?
- ◆ Twitter?
- ◆ All the above and more?

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How does Cyber-bullying occur?

- ◆ Messages
- ◆ Posting
- ◆ Commenting on activity
- ◆ Falsifying a website
- ◆ Posting pictures and "tagging"

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Today's Discussion:

- ◆ Facebook
- ◆ Sexting

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Cyber-bullying and Facebook

- ◆ Cases of students cyber stalking, flaming-provocative or abuse posts, outing- posting someone's personal information, creating a false profile, stealing and changing passwords, and misrepresenting another individual (Gillespie, 2006).
- ◆ Facebook isn't the root of cyber-bullying, it is merely a tool some choose to use as a means by which they bully.
- ◆ Facebook has many positive features

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What may parents want to consider about Facebook?

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How your child can interact with others on Facebook:

- ◆ Pictures –can be ‘tagged,’ uploaded by someone else
- ◆ Pictures- comments on pictures- factual or fictional
- ◆ Messages- not visible on the facebook wall
- ◆ Wall posts- everyone friends with either person could potentially see the post

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Sign Up for Facebook

Join Facebook to connect with friends, share photos and create your own profile.

First Name:

Last Name:

Your Email:

New Password:

I am:

Birthday:

Create a Page for a celebrity, band or business.

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How easy or difficult is it to set up an account?

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Facebook Login

Account Not Confirmed

The email address you have entered has already been registered, but your account has not yet been confirmed. You will get an email shortly telling you how to confirm your account.

Email:

Password:

Forgot your password?

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Report an Underage User

Your email address:
The email address where you can be reached. If you are able to access your login email address, enter that here.

URL of the profile you would like to report:
Please type and paste the URL of the profile.

Full name of the person you would like to report:
Email address listed for the profile.

Networks the profile belongs to:
For example, the last names, initials, regional networks.

Actual age of the user: Please choose one.

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Facebook Precautions

- ◆ **"No information from children under age 13.**
- ◆ If you are under age 13, please do not attempt to register for Facebook or provide any personal information about yourself to us. If we learn that we have collected personal information from a child under age 13, we will delete that information as quickly as possible. If you believe that we might have any information from a child under age 13, please contact us through this [help page](http://www.facebook.com/policy.php)" (<http://www.facebook.com/policy.php>)
- ◆ **"Parental participation.**
- ◆ We strongly recommend that minors 13 years of age or older ask their parents for permission before sending any information about themselves to anyone over the Internet and we encourage parents to teach their children about safe internet use practices. Materials to help parents talk to their children about safe internet use can be found on this [help page](http://www.facebook.com/policy.php)" (<http://www.facebook.com/policy.php>)
- ◆ Additional information: <http://www.facebook.com/help/?page=937>

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Cyber-bullying and 'sexting'

What is 'sexting'?



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Cyberbullying and Sexting

- ◆ Sexting- using a cell phone, sms (messaging) features on the web, other media device or emails to send provocative- nude photos, or verbal communication.
- ◆ "sexting," also includes posting the photos to MySpace or other Internet sites. (Teen 'sexting'..., 2009).

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Cyberbully and Sexting

- ◆ At a school in Pennsylvania phones were recovered and multiple pictures of semi-nude photos were in the text messages section. It appeared that students had been using their text messaging capabilities to trade these photos (Zirkel, 2009).
- ◆ This case led to a several month court battle.
- ◆ Rampant cases of sexting reported in Connecticut, Vermont, Virginia, Ohio, Wisconsin, North Dakota and Utah (Teen 'sexting'..., 2009)
- ◆ Sexting has been linked to at least two suicides in the U.S. (CBS News, 2009)

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Prevention- 5-10 min discussion

- ◆ What works in your home?
- ◆ How do you monitor your child's usage of cell phones?
- ◆ How do you monitor your child's usage of the internet?

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Prevention

- ◆ Talk to your student
 - ◆ Open & honest communication
 - ◆ Cover the topic of bullying in your home
 - ◆ Discuss appropriate and inappropriate behavior online
 - ◆ Discuss appropriate and inappropriate behavior with cell phones

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Prevention

- ◆ Monitor student behavior
 - ◆ Talk to your child, talk about their day, their friends, ask them what was good in their day, ask them what was bad in their day.
 - ◆ Avoid closed questions (questions that can be answered yes or no)
 - ◆ Know your child, build the trusting relationship where they can share with you anything openly and honestly
 - ◆ Monitor email accounts, social networking accounts. Have your child provide for you login and password information for all accounts.
 - ◆ Reality is if it crosses into child pornography and it is found on your computer or property you are responsible.

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Prevention

- ◆ Computers and Internet Usage
 - ◆ All computers should be in locations in your home where you can monitor behaviors.
 - ◆ Know what social networking sites your student uses, ask your child to show you their site, maybe even assist them in creating their own site if they are over 13 and share the password with you.
 - ◆ Consider helping your child set up the privacy settings on their account. Or setting it where you are comfortable.
 - ◆ Encourage your child to be your friend on Facebook and respect their youthful use of the site.

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Prevention

- ◆ Cell phones
 - ◆ Consider why you are providing your child with a cell phone: emergency? Contact with friends?
 - ◆ Consider limiting your child's cell phone to something that doesn't allow texting.
 - ◆ Consider encouraging your child to use your home phone to communicate with friends.
 - ◆ Consider not providing your student with a cell phone that takes pictures/ video or cannot send/receive pictures/videos

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Prevention

- ◆ Educate students about the risks and dangers of cyber-bullying (Gillespie, 2006) and bullying in general.
 - ◆ The importance of protecting personal information.
 - ◆ The importance of healthy boundaries with peers.
 - ◆ The importance of respecting peers and adults.
 - ◆ Have a plan worked out for how bullying will be handled in your home and by you.

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Resources to Prevent Cyber-Bullying and Bullying

- ◆ www.stopcyberbullying.org
- ◆ www.ConnectSafely.org
- ◆ <http://www.stopbullyingnow.hrsa.gov/kids/>
- ◆ <http://www.cops.usdoj.gov/pdf/e12011405.pdf>

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Facebook Help Page

- ◆ <http://www.facebook.com/help/?faq=16390>

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MySpace Account Removal

- ◆ Here are some key rules to keep in mind:
- ◆ People under 13 years old are not allowed to have MySpace profiles. Period.
- ◆ People under 16 years old are not allowed to list their age as over 16 and make their profile public. Their profiles must be set to private.
- ◆ People under 18 are not allowed to list their age as over 18
- ◆ If you'd like us to remove your son's or daughter's profile, please email us at parentcare@support.myspace.com. Or Teachers schoolcare@support.myspace.com

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What have we learned today?

- ◆ Definition of cyber-bullying
- ◆ Information about Facebook
- ◆ Information about sexting
- ◆ Prevention of cyber-bullying and bullying
- ◆ Resources

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